

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a sealing, trimming or guiding strip for a window frame (8), the method comprising the steps of: ~~characterised by~~
providing first and second sections of the strip,
joining at least one part (94) of the first section to at least one part (96) of the second section by applying and activating a heat-activatable material, and
joining other parts (62,85) of the respective first and second sections by a ~~moulding~~ molding operation.
2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method according to claim 1, wherein said at least one parts (94,96) of the first and second sections comprise a flocked surface (59).
3. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said other parts of the first and second sections comprise non-flocked surfaces.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method according to claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, wherein said at least one parts (94,96) of the first and second sections are positioned for supporting or contacting a window pane (58) mounted in the window frame (8).
5. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method according to claim 1, ~~2, 3 or 4~~, wherein the first and second sections meet to form a corner.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method according to claim 5, wherein the corner forms an angle of substantially 90°.
7. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims 1, wherein the ~~moulding~~ molding operation forms a flap (20) extending between the first and second sections.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method according to claim 7, wherein the flap (20) is formed to obscure a corner of the window frame (8).
9. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims 1, wherein the heat-activatable material is activated by the heat generated by the ~~moulding~~ molding step operation.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims 1, further comprising the step of forming ~~wherein~~ the first and second sections of the strip ~~are formed~~ by extrusion.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims 1, wherein each of the first and second sections includes a channel portion (23) for mounting on a flange of the window frame (8).

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method according to claim 11, wherein said at least one parts (94,96) of the first and second sections comprise a flocked lip (53) for pressing against a window pane (5-8) and a limb (43) extending from the channel portion (23), the lip (53) extending from ~~the~~ a distal end of the limb (43).

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method according to claim 12, wherein said other parts (62,85) have ~~the~~ non-flocked surfaces extending from the distal end of the limb (43).

14. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a sealing, trimming or guiding strip for a window frame (8), the method including: ~~characterized by~~
providing first and second sections of the strip, each section having at least one part (94,96) for contacting a window (58) mounted in the frame (8);

applying heat-activatable material to at least one of said parts (94,96); abutting the first and second sections of the strip; and

~~moulding~~ molding together the first and second sections except for said parts (94,96), the said parts (94,96) of the respective first and second sections being joined by activation of the heat-activatable material.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method according to claim 14, wherein ~~the~~ said parts (94,96) have flocked surfaces (59).

16. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method according to claim 14 ~~or 15~~, wherein the heat-activatable material is activated by ~~the~~ heat generated by the ~~moulding~~ molding step operation.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a sealing, trimming or guiding strip for a window frame (8), the method including: ~~characterized by~~

forming first and second sections of the strip by a continuous extrusion process;

providing a part (94,96) of each of the strips with a flocked surface (59);

applying heat-activatable material to at least one of the parts (94,96) having one of the flocked surfaces;

providing a ~~mould~~ mold having a mold cavity and heating means for heating the ~~mould~~ mold cavity; and

positioning the first and second sections of the strip with respect to the ~~mould~~ mold such that a portion (62,85) of the first and second sections of the strip extend into a ~~mould~~ the mold cavity and are heated to a relatively high temperature to connect the portions of the strip extending into said cavity by ~~moulding~~ molding, and the respective parts (94,96) with the flocked surfaces (59) abut each other and are heated to a relatively low temperature to activate the heat-activatable material such that the parts having the flocked surfaces (59) are also joined.

18. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 17, wherein the respective parts (94,96) with the flocked surfaces (59) lie outside of the ~~mould~~ mold cavity and are heated indirectly by the heating of the ~~mould~~ mold cavity.

19. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 17, wherein the respective parts (94,96) with the flocked surfaces (59) are positioned within the mold cavity and are cooled.

20. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 17, ~~18 or 19~~, wherein the respective sections meet to form a corner.

21. (Currently Amended) A The method according to ~~any one of claims 17 to 20~~, wherein the ~~mould~~ mold cavity forms a flap (20) of ~~moulded~~ molded material which connects the first and second sections of the strip, ~~which said flap (20) is also being shaped and positioned for obscuring to obscure a corner of the window frame (8).~~

22. (Currently Amended) A The method according to ~~any one of claims 17 to 21~~, wherein the heat activatable adhesive is activated by heat generated from the ~~moulding~~ molding step operation.

23. (Currently Amended) A The method according to ~~any one of claims 17 to 22~~, wherein each of the first and second sections include a channel portion (23) for mounting on a flange of the window frame (8), a limb (43) extending from the channel

(23), a flocked lip (53) extending from the distal end of the limb (43) for pressing against a window pane (58), the flocked lip (53) comprising the part with the flocked surface (59), and a non-flocked part (62) extending from the distal end of the limb (43), ~~this part comprising the part with the non-flocked surface.~~

24. (Currently Amended) A sealing, trimming or guiding strip for mounting on a window frame, ~~characterised by including~~ comprising first and second sections of the strip, wherein at least one part (94) of the respective first and second sections has a heat activatable material applied thereto to join it to a corresponding part (96) of the other of the respective first and second sections, and wherein ~~the other parts (62,85) of the first and second sections are joined by moulded~~ molded material.

25. (Currently Amended) The apparatusstrip of claim 24, wherein each of said at least one part (94,96) of the respective first and second sections has a flocked surface (59).

26. (Currently Amended) The apparatusstrip of claim 24 ~~or 25~~, wherein said other parts (62,85) of the respective first and second sections each have non-flocked surfaces.

27. (Currently Amended) The apparatusstrip of claim 24, ~~25 or 26~~, wherein said at least one part (94,96) of the respective first and second sections is ~~positioned for~~ adapted to supporting or contacting a window pane (58) mounted in the window frame (8).

28. (Currently Amended) The apparatusstrip of ~~any one of claims 24 to 27~~, wherein the ~~respective~~ first and second sections of the strip meet to form a corner.

29. (Currently Amended) The apparatusstrip of claim 28, wherein the corner forms an angle of substantially 90°.

30. (Currently Amended) The apparatusstrip of ~~any one of claims 24 to 29~~, wherein the ~~moulded~~ molded material forms a flap (20) extending between the first and second sections of the strip.

31. (Currently Amended) The apparatusstrip of claim 30, wherein the flap (20) is formed to obscure a corner of the window frame (8).

32. (Currently Amended) The apparatusstrip of ~~any one of claims 24 to 31~~, wherein the heat-activated adhesivematerial is positioned so as to be activated by the

formation of ~~the moulded~~ molded material.

33. (Currently Amended) The apparatusstrip of ~~any one of~~ claims 24 to 32, wherein the first and second sections of the strip comprise extruded material.

34. (Currently Amended) The apparatusstrip of ~~any one of~~ claims 24 to 33, wherein the first and second sections include a channel portion (23) for mounting on a flange of the window frame (8).

35. (Currently Amended) The apparatusstrip of claim 34, wherein each said at least one ~~the~~ part (94,96) comprises a flocked lip (53) for pressing against a window pane (58) and ~~the~~ a limb (43) extending from the channel portion (23), the lip extending from ~~the~~ a distal end of the limb (43).

36. (Currently Amended) The apparatusstrip of claim 35, wherein said other parts (64) have non-flocked surfaces extending from the distal end of the limb (43).